UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Farmington District
Farmington Field Office
6251 N College Blvd., Ste. A
Farmington, NM 87402

DECISION RECORD

for the

Lybrook P28-2306

(ATS-F010-13-322, ATS-F010-13-326, ATS-F010-13-327, & ATS-F010-13-328)

Lybrook M28-2306

(ATS-F010-13-323, ATS-F010-13-324, ATS-F010-13-325, & ATS-F010-13-329)

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-NM- F010-2014-0004-EA

I. Decision

I have decided to select **the Proposed Projects** for implementation as described in the **Lybrook P28-2306 & Lybrook M28-2306 EA**. Based on my review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and project record, I have concluded that **the Proposed Projects** were analyzed in sufficient detail to allow me to make an informed decision. I have selected this alternative because the proposed **projects would allow Encana O&G (USA) access to their proposed drilling sites in order to horizontally drill for oil and gas within their valid existing lease.**

II. Conformance and Compliance

The proposed action is in conformance with the 2003 BLM-FFO Resource Management Plan (RMP). Pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.28 and 1502.21, this site-specific Environmental Assessment (EA) tiers into and incorporates by reference the information and analysis contained in the BLM-FFO Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) (BLM 2003a). The RMP was approved by the September 29, 2003 Record of Decision (ROD) (BLM 2003b), and updated in December 2003.

It is the policy of the BLM to make mineral resources available for disposal and to encourage development of mineral resources to meet national, regional, and local needs, consistent with national objectives of an adequate supply of minerals at reasonable market prices. At the same time, the BLM strives to ensure that mineral development is carried out in a manner that minimizes environmental damage and provides for the rehabilitation of affected lands. (BLM 2003b, 2-2 – 2-3)

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

I have reviewed the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed activities documented in the EA for the **Lybrook P28-2306 & Lybrook M28-2306**. I have also reviewed the project record for this analysis. The effects of the proposed action and alternatives are disclosed in the Alternatives and Environmental Consequences sections of the EA. I have determined that **construction of two new twinned well pads, and the associated access roads and pipeline ties will allow Encana O&G (USA) reasonable access to the mineral lease in order to develop the existing lease** as described in the EA will not significantly affect the quality of the

human environment. Accordingly, I have determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary.

IV. Other Alternatives Considered

Several configurations of the proposed well pads, pipelines, and roads were considered and evaluated by the applicant, BLM, and natural and cultural resources experts using desktop tools and in-field examination. During the project on-site visit, the BLM identified an alternative access road to the M28-2306 well pad. The alternative would have followed an existing two-track road. However, it was determined that this access route would be substantially longer, would require a major drainage crossing, and would result in greater impacts to topography. This alternative was considered but has been eliminated from further consideration as it would have resulted in greater environmental impacts.

V. Rationale for the Decision

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1508.28 and 1502.21, this site-specific environmental assessment (EA) tiers to and incorporates by reference the information and analysis contained in the Farmington Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement [(PRMP/FEIS) BLM 2003a]. This EA is in conformance with the management goals set forth in the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Farmington Field Office (FFO) of the BLM, which was approved by the Record of Decision (ROD) signed September 29, 2003 (BLM 2003b). Specifically, this action is in conformance with the following: It is the policy of the BLM to make mineral resources available for disposal and to encourage development of mineral resources to meet national, regional, and local needs, consistent with national objectives of an adequate supply of minerals at reasonable market prices. At the same time, the BLM strives to ensure that mineral development is carried out in a manner that minimizes environmental damage and provides for the rehabilitation of affected lands (2003b, 2-2). The PRMP/FEIS, RMP, and ROD are available for review at the BLM Farmington Field Office, 6251 College Blvd., Farmington, NM, or electronically at: http://www.nm.blm.gov/ffo/ffo_home.html.

I have determined that the activities described in the proposed action will not adversely affect or cause loss or destruction of scientific, cultural, or historical resources, including those listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(8)). **Cultural resource surveys were completed (BLM report Number: 2013(IV)034F & 2013(IV)030F). Cultural resources were identified within the Lybrook P28-2306 project area and will be protected by employee education, temporary site barrier fencing and site monitoring. No cultural resources were identified within the Lybrook M28-2306 project area. Neither project is within a Traditional Cultural Property or ACEC.**

The proposed activities are not likely to adversely affect any endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(9)). **The project area is not within any Sensitive species or Threaten and Endangered habitat.**

VI. Public Involvement

The Notice of Staking was made available for the public to review at the Farmington Field Office. There were no comments were received. The project was posted on the Farmington Field Office NEPA log. There were no comments were received.

VII. Administrative Review and Appeal

Under BLM regulations, this Decision Record (DR) is subject to administrative review in accordance with 43 CFR 3165. Any request for administrative review of this DR, with or without oral presentation, must include information required under 43 CFR 3165.3(b) (State Director Review), including all supporting documentation. Such a request must be filed in writing with the

State Director, Bureau of Land Management, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508, no later than 20 business days after this DR is received or considered to have been received.

Any party who is adversely affected by the State Director's decision may appeal that decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, as provided in 43 CFR 3165.4.

/s/Maureen Joe	12/19/13
Maureen Joe	Date
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